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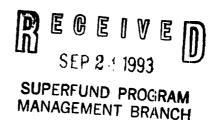
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Re: Stickney Avenue Landfill & Tyler Street Dump Site

Dear Ms. Estes:

This confirms and follows up on our telephone discussion of September 1, 1993, regarding a Section 104(e) information request. On August 20, 1993, Textileather Corporation received from your office an information request dated August 12, 1993 on the Stickney Avenue Landfill and the Tyler Street Dump. As I mentioned during the call, it is my hope that we can resolve this short of Textileather submitting a more formal response.

It is my understanding that the Stickney Avenue Landfill and Tyler Street Dump were owned and/or operated by the City of Toledo and were closed many years ago. Textileather did not even exist until 1990, when it was incorporated for the purpose of purchasing the assets of the operations of GenCorp, Inc. at 3729 Twining Street. GenCorp had operated a manufacturing facility at this location from 1954 up until approximately May 1990. Textileather was formed by the then employees of the Twining Street plant through an employee stock ownership plan with the intent of purchasing the assets of the Toledo operation. On May 30, 1990, Textileather purchased the assets of the Toledo operation from GenCorp.

In light of the foregoing, Textileather does not have sufficient information to respond to the information request. You seem to recognize this, however, you have expressed a concern that former GenCorp employees now working for Textileather with knowledge of matters relating to either site would not be subjected to the diligent interviewing process called for by the information request were Textileather to be relieved of its obligation to submit a formal response. To address this concern, I mentioned that Textileather would cooperate with

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GenCorp, who has also received an information request, including allowing GenCorp to interview any employees of Textileather who might have information relating to either site.

Since our discussion, I have learned that GenCorp has already conducted a diligent interviewing process which included interviews of former employees now employed by Textileather. I have advised GenCorp that you will need confirmation on this point from it before Textileather will be relived of any further obligation to respond to the information request. Should GenCorp need any additional information, Textileather will cooperate fully.

In view of this unique situation, I request that Textileather be relieved of its obligation to respond the Agency's August 12, 1993 request. I look forward to your response. Should you need further information regarding Textileather, or if you have any other questions, please call me. Thank you for your cooperation.

Very truly yours.

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